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3. For seven years during World War II, no dentists were trained formally. Following the war, many below standard dentists began to practice due to the need for dental services of some sort. A year or so ago, a new law outlawed this type dentistry and there are now three dental schools on the US plan (rather than the Italian and French which require the MD for dental practice). This seven-year lag in training dentists has created a severe lack of dental personnel, with a dentist-patient ratio of about 1:10,000 as compared to 1:1700 in the US and 1:4000 in Great Britain. Textbooks are not good. Italian texts are used for the most part, with some French and German. American texts are wanted but are not easily obtainable. Dental equipment is almost all Italian, some German, and a little of American manufacture.

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